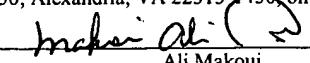


**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "FIRST CLASS MAIL"**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 12/13/2005.

  
Ali Makou

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application for:

Adriana Dumitras, et al.

Serial No.: 10/614,929

Filing Date: 07/07/2003

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR IMPROVED CODING  
MODE SELECTION**

Examiner: Y. Young Lee

Group Art Unit: 2613

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 06/13/2005, please amend the patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.